

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday March 17, 2024  
10:00AM

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## The Holy Eucharist

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

The Prelude

The Gathering Hymn    *And now, O Father, mindful of the love*    Hymn 337

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins*

***People: His mercy endures forever.***

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Celebrant: Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,*

***People: Have mercy upon us.***

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

## The Response: Psalm 119:9-16

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*

By keeping to your words.

**10 With my whole heart I seek you; \***

**let me not stray from your commandments.**

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, \*

that I may not sin against you.

**12 Blessed are you, O LORD; \***

**instruct me in your statutes.**

13 With my lips will I recite \*

all the judgments of your mouth.

**14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \***

**than in all manner of riches.**

15 I will meditate on your commandments \*

and give attention to your ways.

**16 My delight is in your statutes; \***

**I will not forget your word.**

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn    *When I survey the wondrous cross*    Hymn 474

The Gospel: John 12:20-33

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

*(Silence)*

The Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* God made Christ a high priest for our salvation. As we prepare for the Paschal feast let us lift up our prayers and supplications to God through his Son, saying, *hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.*

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Liz our Priest, that all the people of God may know the Lord through the covenant of love written in their hearts. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For this parish family, and those of Christ church and St Marks, that in this holy season we may walk with Christ, entrust our lives to God, and come to know the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, that God will give them the grace and will to work for peace, so that the broken body of the world may rejoice. Hear us O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For the grace to be women and men for others, that God will guide us in offering our lives in loving service to help others along life's journey. Hear us O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For all those who lay down their lives for others, that God will guide and strengthen parents, caregivers for the sick, police and those who assist the least and the lost, that they may be instruments of God's love and compassion. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially..... that God will give them strength and fill their hearts with hope and peace. Hear us O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For those who have died, remembering especially ..... that, as they have been sown with Christ in death, so may they also be part of Christ's abundant harvest in eternal life. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, God of eternal life, who lifted up your Son from death. Hear the prayers we offer this day, create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us that we may be glorified with Christ forever. To you be praise, honor and glory for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

The Offertory      *What wondrous love is this*      Hymn 439

The Doxology:      *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*      Hymn 380, v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures  
here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

S124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

S161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

The Communion

*All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.*

Communion Meditation

The Post Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord. (*Silence is kept.*)

Celebrant: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Parting Hymn    *Hail, thou once despised Jesus*    Hymn 495

The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

## **Our Ministers Today:**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Pianist: Penny Jaggars

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Nancy Dooling

Announcements: John Warriner

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Undercofflers

## **Vestry**

John Warriner, Senior Warden

Vickie Calby, Junior Warden

John Finlon, Treasurer

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